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EMPLOYMENT CUT TO 4,575 BY SEPTEMBER 1 - BENNETT POST SEGREGATION JOB OUTLOOK GOOD

Project Director L. H. Bennett, announced last night that the employment rolls will have to be cut to 4,574 workers by Sept. 1 from the present total of 5,000 plus.

Bennett explained that as a result of studies made by a special WRA investigator, funds for wages had been reduced to the extent that the cut became necessary if full wages were to be paid workers.

As it is, Washington figures for employment remain at 4,200, and the 375 extra workers are retained only because of acute need, he said. The project officer has sent in a request to Washington with supporting justification for increase in the quota up to project estimates.

Following are some of the requested quotas for the various divisions and sections; community management division-951, operations division-1,690, farm section - 680, motor transport and maintenance section-250, internal security section-135, health section - 429, engineering section - 648, administrative management division-1,725, mess section-1,591, and employment division-70.

Inoculation For Dogs To Start

Dogs will get anti-rabies inoculations 8:30, Saturday morning at the 64 rec. hall in Butte and 9 a.m. Monday at the police station in Canal. Inoculations are free.

For dogs missed this time, owners must make appointments later at the Butte hospital.

Dogs are not immune until three weeks after inoculation, said Chief Fred Graves.

Employment prospects after segregation look very promising, said Bennett. Since this center is not receiving any transfers from Tule Lake the population will be cut considerably. There will be job openings for practically everyone left on the Project.

ARMY

WAC OFFICER IN CANAL TODAY

Lieut. Elizabeth Holman WAC recruiter, today shifted her recruiting efforts to the girls in Canal after spending the last two days in Butte.

She spoke to a group of women in Butte and Canal Tuesday evening, explaining the qualification and fundamentals of the WAC.

Nisei WAC will be treated equally with the regular WAC, with no segregation, and promotions as fast as one meets the qualifications. Pay ranges from \$50-\$138 a month for a non-commissioned officers, with 10% more for oversea duty for officers, 20% for enlisted WACs.

NISEI WOUNDED IN ACTION; IS RECOVERING NORMALLY

T/S Kazuo Komoto, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikazu Komoto of 9-8-A in Canal, was wounded in action in the Southwest Pacific July 15, and is now "recovering normally."

This is the latest message that reached the Komoto barrack Tuesday, almost three weeks after the first "wounded in action" notice had been wired.

The laconic message tells the official story of Sergeant Komoto's injury, but it doesn't tell of the three-week waiting

TREND

Rivers Faces Meat Shortage

Honestly and bluntly Project Director L. H. Bennett apprised block managers of a critical meat situation facing the project residents last night.

Said Bennett, "Except for 25,000 lbs. of pickled spare ribs due this weekend, meat and pork are unavailable."

Only the livestock project on the farm and the purchase of fish, also scarce, offers relief from a low protein diet. Slaughter of fattened cattle and hogs on the farm are stymied for the time by lack of a needed OPA approval. Present livestock population is 593 hogs, 4,025 chickens, 1,015 beef cattle, 100 beef calves, 15 milch cows, 5 heifers, and 18 calves.

The director pointed out steps which must be taken to insure meat, eggs and milk several months from now: (1) immediate increase in livestock employees to construct adequate housing facilities for poultry and hogs, (2) purchase of more beef cattle, (3) purchase of more hogs and chicken after housing is available.

period that elapsed at the Komoto home between the "wounded in action" notice and the "recovering normally" assurance.

The Sergeant's mother, Hisano Komoto, was spared the anxiety of waiting, for her older sons, Tetsuo in Chicago and Ted in Canal, kept the news from reaching her.

When the story finally could be told and she was informed, Mrs. Komoto had nothing but appreciation for her sons, both abroad and at home.

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